

F. M. HUGO FIGURES IN COLLECTORSHIP

Secretary of State Said to Have Made Deal After Fight for Governor.

OTHER PLUMS IN SIGHT

Postmasters of New York and Brooklyn Not Secure Against Removal.

Gossip in regard to the choicest plum in the Federal patronage basket—the Collectors of the Port of New York, which pays \$12,000 a year—brought in yesterday the name of Francis M. Hugo of Watertown, now Secretary of State. It was reported that Mr. Hugo had been led to believe he would be recommended for appointment to this office if he should remain regular and not continue as an independent candidate for the nomination for Governor. No confirmation of the report could be had last night. Those to whom it was mentioned were inclined to doubt it.

The collectorship here is probably one of the most important offices in the power of the President of the United States. Since the beginning of the term of Byron R. Newton, the present incumbent, the work of the office has increased considerably. The average daily collections up to the present time this year have been \$454,000. There have been days when they have hit the million dollar mark.

The cost of collection, which in June, 1919, was 2.37 per cent, and in June, 1918, was 2.52 per cent, fell as low as 2.02 per cent. in June of this year.

It was learned yesterday that, although the Presidential appointments are made for a term of four years, or most of them, the commissions read "or until your successor shall be duly named and qualified." Thus it is possible for a President to fill any of these offices at any time he may choose.

Also, it was pointed out, the protection given to Postmasters Thomas G. Patton of Manhattan and Walter C. Burton of Brooklyn, along with other postmasters of the first class, may be taken away at any time. They were placed in the civil service by executive order and may be taken out in the same way, if it should be deemed necessary.

In addition to the collector of the Port of New York there are three other Collectors of Customs in this State which will be sought by the Republican organization. George G. Davidson holds the place at Buffalo at \$8,000 a year. His term would expire July 15, 1922. John Fallace is Collector of Customs of the Port of Rochester at \$4,500 a year. His term expires on January 11, 1924. Henry Holland is Collector of Customs at Ogdensburg at \$5,000 a year.

Some more choice morsels of patronage were found yesterday by persons interested. They were eight assistant appraisers at \$3,500 a year, now held by Martin P. Tanahy, George W. Wolf, Charles E. Victory, Nathaniel G. Schlam, Thomas G. Burns, Christopher C. Keenan, Charles W. Bunn and Frank S. Terry.

The post of Internal Revenue Collector at Syracuse, paying \$5,600 a year, is vacant. Neal Brewster having resigned recently.

SCOTT WINS HOUSE SEAT.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Nov. 9.—An official canvass in the Eighth Congressional district gives Leon A. Scott, Republican, a majority of 528 votes over the victory over his Democratic opponent, Gordon Browning.

This fixes the political alignment of the Tennessee delegation in the next House of Representatives, on the face of the returns, as five Republicans and five Democrats, a net Republican gain of three members.

TO KEEP SWANN OUT OF ELECTION CASES

Deputy Attorney-General to Take Charge.

FIGHT TO LIMIT SIZE OF CONGRESS

Reapportionment of Seats Divides House Into Three Distinct Factions.

ALREADY TOO UNWIELDY

Plan Most Approved Would Increase Membership by Forty-five.

HOME FOLK WELCOME RETURN OF WILL HAYS

Sullivan, Ind., Decorated in Honor of G. O. P. Chairman.

SULLIVAN, Ind., Nov. 9.—Home folk, who hailed him as "Bill," gave Will H. Hays, chairman of the Republican National Committee, a hearty welcome when he came to his home here today for a short rest following the campaign. Mingled in the crowd of home folk were delegations from Indianapolis, Terre Haute and surrounding towns, who had come to pay respect to the victorious leader.

The city was decorated for the occasion, and Mr. Hays was escorted through flag decked streets from the Interurban station, on his arrival from Indianapolis, to his home in West Washington street, where a reception was held. The demonstration was non-partisan, "just a greeting for a friend and neighbor," as Charles D. Hunt, a Democratic attorney, who delivered the welcoming address, expressed it.

SMITH ARRIVES FOR DEMOCRATS' POW WOW

Murphy and Taggart Already at French Lick.

FRENCH LICK, Ind., Nov. 9.—National and State leaders began arriving today for an informal conference of Democratic party workers to be held here for the next few weeks. Among those on the ground to-night were Charles E. Murphy, New York; Thomas Taggart, unsuccessful Democratic nominee for Senator from Indiana; Judge J. P. Moss and Thomas F. Foley of New York. A late train to-night brought Governor Smith of New York and several Tammany leaders. An announcement says there is no political significance to be placed on the meetings.

ALBANY, Nov. 9.—Gov. Smith spent nothing and received nothing in his unsuccessful campaign for reelection, according to his personal campaign statement, which was filed to-day with the Secretary of State.

TRIBUTE TO WADSWORTH.

GENESEE, N. Y., Nov. 9.—The whole countryside of Livingston county turned out here to-night at a celebration in honor of the reelection of United States Senator James W. Wadsworth, Jr., and Attorney-General Charles D. Newton, both Livingston county residents. In a parade which featured the celebration Senator Wadsworth was escorted by Troop M. First New York cavalry, which he once commanded.

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